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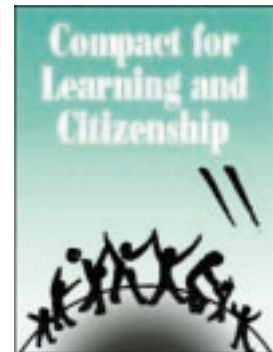
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COLLEGE PRESIDENTS AND SCHOOL LEADERS TO MEET ON THE CIVIC MISSION OF AMERICAN EDUCATION

College and university presidents and state and school superintendents will meet to discuss a critical issue facing American education today—how to better educate students for citizenship. On July 17 and 18, 2001 in Philadelphia, these leaders will participate in an Education Leadership Colloquium on the Civic Mission of American Education. Organized by Campus Compact and The Compact for Learning and Citizenship, the participants will explore how K-12 schools and higher education can work together to accomplish the civic mission of education. Teams of college and university presidents, state and district school superintendents, and state Campus Compact directors from California, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Washington, and Wisconsin will participate.

Anticipated outcomes from the colloquium will be: 1) a statement of shared responsibility for the civic mission of education and a plan for disseminating this statement, and 2) state plans that connect pre-kindergarten through 12th grade and higher education policy, practice and infrastructure in order to fulfill the civic mission of education.



The colloquium will be held in conjunction with The National Forum on Education Policy, the annual conference of the Education Commission of the States (ECS), a national interstate organization dedicated to helping state policymakers improve education. The Compact for Learning and Citizenship is part of ECS.

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Campus Compact is a national coalition of more than 750 college and university presidents committed to the civic purposes of higher education. To support this civic mission, Campus Compact promotes community service that develops students' citizenship skills and values, encourages collaborative partnerships between campuses and communities, and assists faculty who seek to integrate public and community engagement into their teaching and research. Campus Compact is based at Brown University and has a network of 25 state Campus Compacts across the country, as well as a national center for community colleges.

The Compact for Learning and Citizenship is a national coalition of chief state school officers and K-12 district superintendents committed to integrating service and service-learning into schools and maximizing the contribution of volunteers in schools. It provides a national voice for K-12 school leaders to advocate for the alignment of service-learning and volunteerism with public-school missions, school reform, and effective teaching and learning.